

Minutes
Essex Free Library
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2021
Via Zoom

Attending: Caitlin Corless (Library Director), Bonnie Doble, Marie Froeschl, Janet Watts, Mike Yandow, Lorna Swerhone, Iris Banks

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes from 11/18/20 were accepted with correction that Iris Banks was added as an attendee.

REPORTS

- Caitlin reviewed the Library Directors' Report.
- Bestsellers will be quarantined for 72 hours.

OLD BUSINESS

- The library will continue to offer curbside pickup but is otherwise closed to the public given current guidance on the pandemic.
- There are no anticipated changes to staff, procedures or programs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wowbrary is now available. It offers information about new books, movies and CDs that the library has acquired.
- Hoopla will be available in February.
- In addition to offering ukeleles, puzzles and a projector, the library will snowshoes.
- A working group will be considering actions related to the strategic plan that was approved in December, 2019. The focus will be on aspects of the library's identity such as improving presence on social media.

- Caitlin and Lorna are working on library policies.
- Janet is in the process of updating the Secretary of State report
- There was discussion about funding for digital magazines.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15

The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 17th.